

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	CASE NO. 8:08CR318
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
vs.)	TENTATIVE FINDINGS
)	
DERMAINE DAVIS,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

The Court has received the Revised Presentence Investigation Report (“PSR”) and the parties’ objections thereto (Filing Nos. 144, 145). The Defendant also filed a motion for downward departure (Filing No. 141). See Order on Sentencing Schedule, ¶ 6. The Court advises the parties that these Tentative Findings are issued with the understanding that, pursuant to *United States v. Booker*, 543 U.S. 220 (2005), the sentencing guidelines are advisory.

The parties have objected to the quantity of controlled substance attributable to the Defendant in ¶ 29 and the base offense level 36. The plea agreement reached pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11(c)(1)(B) recommends a base offense level of 34 based on a quantity of at least 500 grams but less than 1.5 kilograms of crack cocaine. (Filing No. 117.) The Court's tentative findings are that, absent unusual circumstances, the plea agreement should be upheld and the base offense level should be calculated as level 34.

The Defendant's motion for downward departure (Filing No. 141) will be heard at sentencing.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. The parties' objections to the Presentence Investigation Report (Filing Nos. 144, 145) are granted;

2. Otherwise the Court's tentative findings are that the Presentence Investigation Report is correct in all respects;

3. If **any** party wishes to challenge these tentative findings, the party shall immediately file in the court file and serve upon opposing counsel and the Court a motion challenging these tentative findings, supported by (a) such evidentiary materials as are required (giving due regard to the requirements of the local rules of practice respecting the submission of evidentiary materials), (b) a brief as to the law, and (c) if an evidentiary hearing is requested, a statement describing why an evidentiary hearing is necessary and an estimated length of time for the hearing;

4. Absent submission of the information required by paragraph 3 of this Order, my tentative findings may become final;

5. Unless otherwise ordered, any motion challenging these tentative findings shall be resolved at sentencing; and

6. The Defendant's motion for downward departure (Filing No. 141) will be heard at sentencing.

DATED this 23rd day of March, 2009.

BY THE COURT:

s/Laurie Smith Camp
United States District Judge